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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE NMSU Agricultural Programs SB 177

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$3,177.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)  
 New Mexico State University (NMSU)  
 Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 177 appropriates \$3.177 million from the general fund to New Mexico State University:

- \$150 thousand to NMDA to develop and promote market opportunities for farmers, ranchers and agribusiness in New Mexico.
- \$150 thousand to NMDA to carry out the New Mexico Agriculture Workforce Development Program.
- \$300 thousand to NMDA to carry out the food and agriculture experiential learning programs.
- \$200 thousand to NMDA to assist the Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
- \$500 thousand for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Center of Excellence in Sustainable Food and Agriculture Systems
- \$1,250 thousand to maintain twelve agricultural experimental state research facilities throughout New Mexico.
- \$450 thousand for eight 4-H program staff positions.
- \$127 thousand for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences' Farmer and Rancher Resource Center.

- \$50 thousand for the Office of the Chancellor to hire a strategic planning facilitator and a project coordinator and funding other staffing and operating costs for the Strategic Doing Project.

The appropriations contained in SB177 are in addition to any funding received by the programs in fiscal year 2020.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$3.177 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall not revert to the general fund.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Per NMDA, the appropriations contained in SB177 will allow the department to continue ongoing program implementation which supports New Mexico food and agriculture programs in the areas of marketing and development; agriculture workforce development; experiential food and agriculture learning; and operations assistance to soil and water conservation districts. The balance of the funding will support the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to carry out and support ongoing programs including agricultural experiment station research facilities; 4-H staffing; farmer/rancher resource center; center of excellence in food and agriculture systems; and funding to the Office of the NMSU Chancellor for strategic planning.

NMSU submitted the appropriations contained in this bill in a funding request submitted to HED for incorporation in the HED's fiscal year 2020 funding recommendation.

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